

**SYSTEM FOR NORMALIZING A DISCOURSE  
REPRESENTATION STRUCTURE AND NORMALIZED  
DATA STRUCTURE**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is a system and method for normalizing a discourse representation structure (DRS). The elements of the structure are rewritten and sorted in a way such that structures which may appear different but are nonetheless equivalent can be associated with the same, normalized representation. The present invention can also include a data structure for a DRS. The DRS is represented by an array of boxes, each having a set of elements which in turn has a predefined structure suitable for representing a wide variety of linguistic information.

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